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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on March 15, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)
Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Theresa Manzella, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lexi Goble, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 315, 3/7/2017; SB 281, 3/7/2017; SB 287, 3/7/2017

HEARING ON SB 287

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:35 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 287, Reallocate funds related to Blackfeet Tribe water compact.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:22 John Bloomquist, Pondera County Canal and Reservoir Company
00:08:15 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
00:08:48 Arne Wick, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:43 Chair White
00:10:00 Sen. Jones
00:10:33 Rep. Flynn
00:10:54 Sen. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:25 Sen. Jones

HEARING ON SB 315

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:36 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 315, Create Libby asbestos cleanup oversight team and funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:56 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:19:33 Jenny Chambers, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:05 Rep. Z. Brown
00:20:20 Sen. Vincent
00:22:12 Rep. Flynn
00:23:18 Sen. Vincent
00:26:25 Rep. Flynn
00:26:41 Sen. Vincent
00:28:30 Rep. Flynn
00:29:35 Sen. Vincent
00:33:18 Rep. B. Brown
00:34:02 Sen. Vincent
00:35:44 Chair White

00:36:12 Sen. Vincent
 00:36:28 Chair White
 00:41:08 Jenny Chambers, DEQ
 00:41:14 Rep. Curdy
 00:42:50 Julia Altemus, MWPA
 00:44:00 Rep. Z. Brown
 00:44:19 Rep. Gunderson
 00:49:06 Jenny Chambers, DEQ
 00:49:35 Rep. Flynn
 00:51:28 Jenny Chambers, DEQ
 00:52:45 Chair White

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:44 Sen. Vincent

HEARING ON SB 281

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:17 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 281, Revise use of fire suppression account funds.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:03:00 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)
 01:05:11 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
 01:06:06 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:06:49 Bob Harrington, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

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Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:08:35 Rep. Flynn
 01:09:34 Sen. Vincent
 01:10:09 Bob Harrington, DNRC
 01:11:27 Rep. Manzella
 01:12:05 Sen. Vincent
 01:12:32 Rep. Court joined the meeting
 01:14:20 Rep. Manzella
 01:14:26 Sen. Vincent
 01:17:02 Rep. Curdy
 01:19:07 Bob Harrington, DNRC
 01:19:49 Rep. Manzella
 01:20:30 Bob Harrington, DNRC
 01:21:05 Rep. Flynn
 01:21:32 Bob Harrington, DNRC
 01:22:11 Rep. Curdy
 01:22:58 Bob Harrington, DNRC
 01:24:21 Rep. Gunderson

01:24:45 Sen. Vincent
01:25:54 Bob Harrington, DNRC
01:26:57 Rep. Gunderson
01:27:12 Bob Harrington, DNRC
01:27:57 Rep. Gunderson
01:28:12 Bob Harrington, DNRC
01:28:18 Chair White
01:28:23 Bob Harrington, DNRC
01:28:34 Rep. Flynn
01:29:02 Bob Harrington, DNRC
01:30:41 Chair White
01:35:04 Bob Harrington, DNRC
01:35:33 Chair White
01:36:24 Shantil Siaperas, MACo
01:36:55 Chair White
01:37:07 Julia Altemus, MWPA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:29 Sen. Vincent

Committee Business:

01:42:06 Chair White
01:47:21 Rep. Z. Brown
01:47:56 Chair White

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01:49:46 Rep. Fleming
01:49:54 Chair White

ADJOURNMENT

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01:50:25

Lexi Goble, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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